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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Election filed 3/11/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 15-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 and 10-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/7/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election of Group I, claims 1-14 is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed August 7, 2003 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered. The non-patent literature listed on the information disclosure statement has not been received.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-6 and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Okajima et al., U.S. Patent Number 5,700,591.

The Okajima reference discloses a light emitting device comprising a phosphor thin film that can be used as a light-emitting layer (see column 2, lines 38-44). Additionally, the reference

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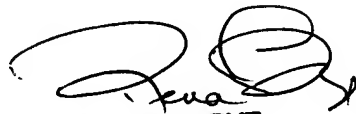
discloses that the light-emitting phosphor thin film has a thickness of from 1 nm to 50 nm and is sandwiched by barrier layers composed of a material having an energy gap which is greater than that of the phosphor thin film as per instant claim 4 (see column 1, line 65-column 2, line 4). Also, the Okajima reference discloses that the barrier layer is composed of a CaS thin film of a thickness of 200 nm as per instant claims 8-9 (see column 3, lines 25-27). Figure 1 of the reference discloses 2a as the barrier layer (underlayer) and 3a as the phosphor thin film (light-emitting layer) as per the instant claims. Column 2, lines 30-64 of the Okajima reference discloses that the materials having the identical structure for both the phosphor thin film and for the barrier layer increase light-emitting brightness and efficiency. The reference also discloses in column 2 that better light emission characteristics were observed when the phosphor thin film and the barrier layer had rock salt type crystal structures. The phosphor thin film is comprised of a compound of alkaline earth metals and an element of group VI.

5. Claims 7 and 10-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The prior art does not provide for the recited inorganic electroluminescent device further including a second compound semiconductor containing $\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{S}$ wherein the Ca composition ratio x is $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.15$ and a luminescent center, Eu, is doped into $\text{Mg}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{S}$ and the composition ratio of europium to Mg is not larger than 0.1. Additionally, the prior art does not provide for the recited inorganic electroluminescent device further including the thickness of the light emitting layer being larger than the thickness of the underlayer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is (703) 872-9306.

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